

Council Chambers  
Monongahela, PA  
November 14, 2018

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

At this time Council exited for an executive session.

Public Forum:

Gretchen Clegg de Lopez, Second Street, asked about the status of the hillside on Second Street which is continuing to slide. She said she was told by Washington County officials that the problem was between her and the city. Solicitor Pappasergi said there needs to be an investigation to determine if there is a city right-of-way in that area and this may be difficult to do. The city engineers are continuing to pursue the problem. A resolution will be acted on later in the meeting to address the problem.

Lawrence Matthews, 428 Parkinson Street, told council that the owners of 430 Parkinson Street passed away 6 to 7 months ago and nothing has been done to the property since then. The owners previously told him that the state had taken it over, so who is responsible for the house now. Solicitor Pappasergi questioned any code violations and said that the county has the house in the name of David Chevine and he will check with the state.

George Eckhert, President of MARC, stated there will be a Christmas decoration contest sponsored by Community Bank which is open to residents of Monongahela, New Eagle and Carroll Township with zip codes of 15063. MARC has also put out a calendar commemorating the 250th anniversary of Monongahela. They will be on sale beginning Friday night.

James Braum, 503 Park Avenue, said that he will be presenting a program at the Historical Society meeting on November 28 at the Presbyterian Church and the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club will have an open house and will be open on Light Up Night.

Susan Bowers, Lawrence Street, said she nominated Monongahela for a \$500,000 grant through a Small Business Revaluation which she heard about on the television station Hulu. If not successful, she said she would apply next year.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, said that at the last meeting the Mayor announced the forthcoming retirement of Chief Tempest and on behalf of himself and many other residents of Monongahela, he wished to say thank you to the Chief for all he has done for everyone.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Certification and Release for Code Enforcement Demolition at  
5090 Second Street

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that the Certification and Release for Code Enforcement Demolition at 509 Second Street, be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of October 10, 2018. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Reported on the dog attack by a coyote on Maple Drive, a check was received from EQT in the amount of \$1,500.00 and letters were sent to PennDOT, Senator Bartolotta and Representative Cook requesting the speed limit be changed and lowered on Fourth Street. He asked that a sidewalk be named at Chess Park in memory of Tim Caudill. Councilman Kulak reported that he made a presentation at a meeting of TRIPL commemorating achievements for persons with disabilities. At the meeting he said that Tim Caudill left a wonderful footprint on our community that he felt compelled for people in wheelchairs to be able to access our central business district and Main Street.



Report of Public Safety: None

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Miller asked permission to purchase a bucket truck for \$9,500.00 to be paid with funds from the sale of the recent dump truck. and also to purchase a truck from Carroll Township for \$1,500.00 to replace the old Ford black truck which is out of service.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Mayor Kepics, permission be granted to purchase a bucket truck for \$9,500.00, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Mayor Kepics, permission be granted to purchase a truck from Carroll Township for \$1,500.00, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Councilman Miller thanked the street department for cleaning Chess Park for Veterans Day and Light up night and also thanked Councilman Polonoli for getting the bucket truck to use for putting up the Christmas lights.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak informed council that he and the City Clerk have been working on the 2019 budget and it will be ready for its scheduled approval.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli announced that Kim Velmore is again having a scarf and glove project in Chess Park. During Light up Night the street between Second and Third will be closed. He thanked the Police Department for making an arrest at the Aquatorium for vandalism and this was due to having the cameras installed there. Chief Tempest said that two more cameras are still needed there.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest said he met with Ringgold School Officials as a follow up with the bus problem. He informed council that the police department is one of twenty-four in the state to receive a software grant from the National Highway Safety Department.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Ken Kulak  
Claudia Williams  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

The meeting was continued to a date to be determined for the 1st reading of the 2019 budget. This meeting will be advertised.